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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 of the English language translation of the specification, please amend the second full paragraph to appear as follows:

Such joints have the following characteristics: an outer joint part which comprises a first longitudinal axis L_A as well as an attaching end and an aperture end which are positioned axially opposite one another, and which comprises first outer ball tracks and second outer ball tracks; an inner joint part which comprises a second longitudinal axis L_I and attaching means for a shaft pointing towards the aperture end of the outer joint part, and which comprises first inner ball tracks and second inner ball tracks; the first outer ball tracks and the first inner ball tracks form first pairs of tracks which receive first balls; the second outer ball tracks and the second inner ball tracks form second pairs of tracks which receive second balls; and a ball cage is positioned between the outer joint part and the inner joint part and ~~comprises~~ comprising circumferentially distributed first cage windows each accommodating one of the first balls and circumferentially distributed second cage windows each accommodating one of the second balls.

On page 2 of the English language translation of the specification, please amend the first full paragraph to appear as follows:

In connection with a constant velocity fixed joint whose pairs of tracks jointly widen towards the aperture, it is already known from U.S. Patent No. 5,509,856 to propose a cage which comprises cage windows which are positioned opposite one another in a radial plane, which have a first shorter circumferential length as well as having cage windows whose ~~centres~~ centers are positioned outside said radial plane and outside a plane arranged perpendicularly thereto, having a second greater circumferential length.

On page 6 and continuing on page 7 of the English language translation of the specification, please amend the first full paragraph of the specification to appear as follows:

Figures 1D and 1E ~~shows~~ show the assembly of one of the second balls 15, more particularly of the last one of the second balls into one of the second pairs of tracks 24, 25. The inner joint part 13 with its longitudinal axis L_I is articulated by the angle α_2 , which is smaller than the previously mentioned angle α_1 , relative to the outer joint part 12 with its longitudinal axis L_A . The cage 28 with its longitudinal axis L_K and its central plane respectively assumes the angle-bisecting position with reference to said angle α_2 . In this case, too, because of the position of the further two pairs of tracks 24, 25 of the further two balls 15, which position is located outside the articulation plane, it is necessary for the further two balls in their cage windows 19 to be displaced in the

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circumferential direction. In order to permit said circumferential displacement of the balls during assembly, i.e. during "over-articulation", the two cage windows 19 in their circumferential direction have to have the length L_2 which, however, is smaller than the length L_1 of the first cage windows.

On page 8 of the English language translation of the specification, please amend the first full paragraph of the specification to appear as follows:

Figure 4 shows an inventive counter track joint in a modified embodiment where the joint 11 is provided in the form of a so-called disc joint which, instead of a base 20 comprises a further aperture 29 opposite the first aperture 21. In this case, too, the joint illustrated comprises three first balls 14 in first cage windows 18 and three second balls 15 in second cage windows. The first balls 14 are mounted before the second balls 15 are mounted; if there is a case of symmetry between the outer joint part and the inner joint part, assembly can also take place from the second end of the joint. In this case, too, it is necessary for the first windows 18 for the first balls 14 in the first pairs of tracks 22, 23 to have a greater length L_1 in the circumferential direction than the cage windows 19 for the second balls 15 in the second pairs of tracks 24, 25.

On page 8 and continuing on page 9 of the English language translation of the specification, please amend the second full paragraph of the specification to appear as follows:

The reason why the balls, upon articulation of the joint, are displaced in the circumferential direction relative to the ~~centre~~ center of the respective cage window is that the balls move along their tracks when the joint is articulated. Said ball tracks are positioned in radial planes relative to the respective joint component. In consequence, when the joint is articulated, the central plane of the ball cage no longer coincides with the central planes of the inner joint part and outer joint part, but forms inclined sections through said joint components. In said inclined sections, the circumferential distance between the tracks is distorted and thus non-uniform, and the circumferential distance between the balls and thus the position of the balls in the cage windows arranged on a uniform pitch circle in the cage is correspondingly non-uniform.